CONFIDENTIAL Bud, Paul, Cary Howard from LM 8/26/70

As best I can, I am circulating among you copies of the 8/19/70 Archives letter to me, my today's response, and my today's letter to Tom Kelley, written as a consequence of my having been there yesterday until 1:30 p.m. (It was very interesting. I spoke to Warner and Goff before spending a long time with Kelley, who was in no way unfriendly and with all of whom I was rather straightforward). For an assortment of reasons, I prefer all of this to remain confidential.

I regret I just cannot make copies for all of you. Although it must be getting burdensome to Paul to make these copies, the cost to him is half or less what others can get them made for. If he does not desire to keep copies of these things I am sending him for this purpose, I will lend them to any one of you who might want copies. I am giving Bud a set to keep, in his capacity as my lawyer in some of the cases, which requires that he have knowledge of all this correspondence. Where I do want the papers returned, on the reverse sides of the last page will be my notation on where I will have to file it. So you will understand this is not just stinginess on my part, I explain that all relate to more than one suit or potential suit, requiring filing in each case of a separate copy, and, aside from my always-bad finances, the accumulating costs of these suit is, for me, considerable. I estimate I could have driven to Denver for the travelling costs of the King/Ray suit alone.

Kelley had just received notification of the need to review the files this year. This notice described what he said he could not identify, an inch-thick of Secret Service papers that, apparently, are still classified. He seemed to think there are none or almost none.

Apparently the Secret Service cannot locate its reports by Control Numbers. We tried this, in my presence, having phoned for them so he could read 127, 712 and 916, just identified to me by the Archives as relating to Ferrie. He seems to believe that there are none with as many pages as indicated.

Kelley's recollections, for the most part, seem smart.

I gave him and Goff to understand that I will no longer be whipsawed between them and Archives, the 8/19 letter providing a good example of how this is being and has been done. I told them (none of this was at all unfriendly or heated) that while they might prefer to provide what I seek through the Archives, the existing record requires of me that I not accept this channel, some of what has been given me this way never getting to me and the rest only after needless delay &and without my having any way of knowing what is or is not being given me. I gave them the DJ interpretation that I must apply to the agency of primary interest only to sue and my interpretation that as the agency of primary interest the law requires them to provide copies to me directly. Nothing precludes their supplying the Archives with copies for the Archives to keep and make available.

He <u>appeared</u> to have no previous knowledge of what I disclosed to him about the autopsy and Ferrie, of what is missing and damaged in the film, but I would interepret his belief to be that there are serious questions about the autopsy. I did not disclose all I know, but I did disclose enough to generate interest, if he has any.